THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the house.

**Cultural shows by artists** in **Goa**

4313. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes to conduct cultural shows by artists/groups/ organizations are in force in the State of Goa;

(b) if so, the essential features of the schemes;

(c) the project undertaken/implemented under the schemes during the last three years in the State of Goa; and

(d) the details of financial assistance granted to the State during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) West Zone Cultural Centre, an autonomous organization of this Ministry promotes the performing artists of Goa by providing them the opportunities to perform in various programmes & Festivals. Besides these, Lalit Kala Akademi has been organizing artists camps, workshops, exhibitions, through Head quarters and Regional Centres throughout the country and Sangeet Natak Akademi operates scheme of Inter State Cultural Exchange Programme with the broad objective to create opportunities by which people from different parts of the country get to know more about each other's performing arts and culture, catalyzing the emotional and cultural integration of the country. The State of Goa sent their group to Mizoram during 2004-05 and visited Jammu & Kashmir in 2006-07. Under the scheme the Akademi subsidizes the exchange programme undertaken by the States to the extent of 75% of the expenditure incurred. Artists of other Zonal Cultural Centres perform in many programmes in Goa such as Lokotsav-Festival of Arts and Crafts in Goa, Shimoga Festival, Ganeshotsav, Classical Dance Festival etc. Moreover, the West Zone Cultural Centre invites the artists of Goa in major programmes like Shilpgram Utsav at Udaipur, Basantotsav at Gandhinagar, Folk Festival at Mumbai and also sends them to other parts of the country for performances. Besides, the centre also organises Theatre Rejuvenation Programmes in the State of Goa. Activities like fairs,

festivals, workshops and programmes organized in Goa by the West Zone Cultural Centre during the year 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 are given in Statement (See below).

(d) The aforesaid activities were carried out in Goa by the organizations mentioned above, but no financial assistance was given to the state separately.

***Statement***

*Activities and Programmes organized by the Centre during the last three years in West Zone Cultural Centre: Udaipur*

2004-05

| SI. No. | Programme | Place | Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Traditional Festival-Ganeshotsav | Goa | 23rd to 28th September 04 |
| 2. | Natyotsav-Theatre Festival | Curchorem | 23rd to 26th November 04 |
| 3 | Nupur-Classical Dance Festival | Mardol | 7th to 9th January' 05 |
| 4. | Nupur-South Goa Classical Dance Festival | Margao | 10th to 14th February 05 |
| 5. | Folk Festival & Craft Fair-Lokotsav | Goa | 4th to 11th March' 05 |
| 6. | Shigmo Festival | Goa | 26th to 30th March' 05 |
| 7. | Rang Yatra | Ponda/ Curchorem | 29th Sept. to 3rd Oct.' 04 |
| 8. | Bhakti Sangeet Samaroh | Panaji | 28th November 04 |
| 9. | Kathak Dance Workshop | Panaji | 18th to 25th January 05 |
| **2005-2006** | | | |
| 1. | Traditional Festival-Ganeshotsav | Goa | 12th to 17th September 05 |
| 2. | Natyotsav-Theatre Festival | Curchorem | 18th to 22nd November 05 (Goa) |
| 3. | Nupur-Classical Dance Festival | Mardol | 6th to 8th January '06 |
| 4. | Bhakti Sangeet Samaroh | Panaji-Goa | 15th January' 06 |
| 5. | South Goa Classical Dance Festival & Artists Music and Dance | Margao-Young Goa Festival | 19th January to 13th February' 06 |
| 6. | Folk Festival & Crafts Fair-Lokotsav | Panaji, Goa | 24th February to 5th March 2006 |
| 7: | Uttaradhikar-Guru Shishya Parampai | a Goa(1) | 1st April 05 to 31st March[1] 06 |
| 8 | Shigmo Festival | Goa | 16th to 20th March' 06 |

2006-2007

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ganeshotsav | Goa | 1st to 6th September 06 |
| 2. | Bhakti Sangeet Samaroh | Goa | 10th December' 06 |
| 3. | Madgaon Festival | Madgaon | 14th to 17th December 06 |
| 4. | South Goa Classical Dance/Music Festival | Margao | 8th to 12th February' 07 |
| 5. | Mogubai Kurdikar Memorial Classical Music Festival | Margao | 24th to 25th February' 07 |
| 6. | Folk Festival & Crafts Fair-Lokotsav | Panaji | 27th February' 07 to 8th March' 07 |
| 7. | Contemporary Painters Camp-Chitcankan | Panaji | 10th to 19th March'07 |
| 8. | Uttradhikar-Guru Shishya Parampara | Goa | 1st April' 05 to 31st March' 06. |

**Setting up of Science City at Anantpur**

4314. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY; Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Science City at Anantpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status thereof; and

(d) in what manner it would be useful to reduce the power tariff for industries?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir. Ministry of Culture has not received any such proposal.

(b) to (d) Do not arise,

**Renovation of Katasraj temples in Pakistan**

4315. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of renovation of Hindu temples of Katasraj in Pakistan is progressing according to schedule;